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In re Application of:

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RESPONSE

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned, Dr. Paris and Ms. Delpy of the Assignee and Dr. Burtin, the French attorney for the Assignee had an interview with the Examiner in charge of the above application and her primary Mr. Dees on June 25, 2002.

At the interview, it was ascertained that the amendment of December 18, 2001 was not in the file and Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the said amendment which had been hand delivered to the group on December 20, 2001 as can be seen from the first page thereof which shows the stamp of the Tech Center 1600.

Therefore, obviously, the amendment was received but somehow was not matched up with the file. A prompt examination on the merits is requested.

The office action of June 18, 2002 should therefor be withdrawn and a new action be given on the proper amendment which was not in the file.

Respectfully submitted, Bierman, Muserlian and Lucas

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